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Lansing City Clerk

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Members of the Lansing City Council
10th Floor City Hall
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Councilmembers:

The Minutes from the Meetings of the following Boards, Commissions, and Authorities of the City of Lansing were placed on file in the City Clerk's Office and are available for review in the City Clerk's Office and on the City Clerk's website (www.lansingmi.gov/clerk) under the heading of "Documents Placed on File."

BOARD NAME

DATE OF MEETING

Board of Police Commissioners

November 17, 2015

If my staff or I can provide further assistance or information relative to the filing of these minutes, please contact us at 483-4131.

Sincerely,

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Virg Bernero, Mayor

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, November 17th, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Commissioner Patty Farhat, Chairperson
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek, Vice Chairperson
Commissioner Bill Renfrew, Member
Commissioner Kecia Coats, Member
Commissioner Linda Sanchez-Gazella, Member

OTHERS PRESENT

Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Kristen Simmons, Legal Advisor
Joan Jackson Johnson, HR&CS Director
Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Regina Wilson, HR Hiring Specialist

PUBLIC/GUESTS PRESENT - Sein Paul Benavides, 2320 Marguerite Avenue #5, Lansing, MI 48912

CALL TO ORDER - After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Farhat welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Commissioner Carnegie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - Sein Benavides stated it was difficult to find the meeting location, this evening. He said it wasn't clear on the website where the meeting was being held and it was confusing when you entered the building as to how to get in and what floor the meeting was on. He suggested the monthly meetings be held at a different location such as a community center.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA - None, there were no additions to the Agenda.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The Board reviewed the October, 2015, meeting minutes. Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to approve the October Minutes, supported by Commissioner Carnegie; approved unanimously. The minutes of the regular meeting of October, 2015, were approved and will be placed on file with the Lansing City Clerk's Office.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION - Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson gave the Education Presentation regarding the HRCS budget, programs and overview of duties her department handles. She stated Christmas and the beginning of the school year is when the community needs the most help with food. Her department consistently works on issues such as Beechfield Apartments and Life O'Riley. The Kids Connect Program grows larger every year. She really enjoys Mayor Bernero because of his creativity, wit and his nature of allowing her to help individuals living in the City of Lansing.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT from Chief Mike Yankowski

- The department is offering free Self Defense classes beginning on December 10th, 2015.
- Thanked Commissioner Renfrew for attending the Veterans' Day Ceremony.
- An incident occurred on Cavanaugh Street regarding a shooting during a home invasion. The was a target of the individuals that broke in. Eight individuals were arrested and six were charged. Many of the individuals were juveniles. There was a great response between our regional partners.
- The federal government reviewed the 1033 Program and ordered law enforcement agencies to return their tracked armored vehicles by November 30th, 2015.
- PO1 interviews were finalized on October 29th, 2015. The next phase is coming.
- The Police Academy will be completed on December 11th, 2015.
- Taser/Axon is the company selected to purchase body cameras. The proposal has been submitted to Mayor Bernero.
- A Crisis Intervention Team is being formed regarding the mentally ill. The kick-off is November 24th, 2015.
- Heroin is an issue across the country. There have been many deaths in the area related to heroin.
- Random drug testing and physical ability testing of sworn officers has begun.
- Attended Shabazz Academy and spoke to Mrs. Rowley's class.
- Spoke at the Mid-Michigan Kappas Banquet.
- The promotional process will begin in January or February.
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- Old Newsboy Sale is December 3, 2015
- Shop With A Cop is December 5, 2015
- No Senior Without Christmas is December
- Citizens Police Academy is January 28, 2015 to April 21, 2015
- The 911 Advisory Board voted that they will continue to use and support the Harris Radio System until 2021.

LEGAL ADVISOR UPDATE from Kristen Simmons - Kristen stated she followed up on Commissioner Macon's question from last meeting and it is illegal to sell, use, and manufacture marijuana. The law is governed by each state. Commissioner Noordhoek asked if she had information as it pertains to the City issuing email addresses to Commissioners. She stated she would follow-up with Janene McIntyre.

HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT from BERNARD BRANTLEY FOR DR. JOAN JACKSON-JOHNSON

In light of the Education Presentation, there is nothing to report.

FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE - No comment, no representative was present.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED - Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of September; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS - Commissioner Renfrew made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month of September; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Gov't/Community Liaison Committee - Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella stated the Government/Community Liaison Committee is meeting on December 9th, 2015, at 9:15 a.m.
- Awards & Incentives Committee - None.
- Budget Committee - None.
- Recruitment / Hiring Task Force: - None.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules - None.
- Complaint Committee - Commissioner Farhat stated a meeting would be scheduled.
 1. Commission Investigator Report - None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Noordhoek thanked Dr. Jackson-Johnson for her report. He thanked Sein Benavides for attending the meeting and explained that the location, time, and date of each meeting is listed on the website for the public to review. He also mentioned that the public has questions about the board meetings, they can call LPD or City Hall.

Commissioner Carnegie thanked Dr. Jackson-Johnson for her report. He is grateful for her efforts and her staff along with LPD's help during the holidays. He thanked Chief Yankowski for his high profile in the City. He wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

Commissioner Renfrew thanked Dr. Jackson-Johnson and stated she amazes him with all her work helping other individuals.

Commissioner Coats thanked Chief Yankowski for leading by example. She also thanked the employees for all the work they do. She stated that she and Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella attended the NAACP 50th Anniversary event. Commissioner Coats stated that Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson is the recipient of a community award.

Commissioner Farhat stated the parade has been taking place for 31 years and for the past 30 years, Neighborhood Watch has had a float in the parade.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS - None

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 15th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m., at the Headquarter's Bldg, 2nd Floor
Alexander Lang Conference Room.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

ADJOURNMENT - Commissioner Bob Noordhoek made a motion to adjourn the meeting; supported by Commissioner Carnegie.